

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION, FLORIDA

**AFA CHAPTER TEACHER SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION**

**JOIN AS A CAP AEROSPACE EDUCATION MEMBER (AEM)**

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**OBJECTIVE:** AFA Chapters across America can sponsor teachers to become Aerospace Education Members (AEM) of CAP. The purpose of this sponsorship is to allow AFA Chapters an inexpensive avenue to help fulfill their mission to educate the public about the importance of aerospace education to our country. Future workforce development, as well as future national security, depends on an educated populace via Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) educational initiatives. The K-12 classrooms of America provide the fertile ground for such education and preparation for the future.

**BENEFITS TO K-12 TEACHERS:**

- 1 – Over 20 *free* CAP national academic standard-based aerospace educational resources for classroom use, to include a 675-page textbook, *Aerospace: The Journey of Flight*
- 2 – Opportunity to participate in aerospace programs, awards and college credit courses
- 3 – Opportunity to apply for \$250 AFA/CAP grants
- 4 – Potential *Teacher of the Year* candidate pool expanded for AFA Chapters
- 5 – Potential to recruit AFA Chapter Members: teachers, school staff, students' families, etc.

**BENEFITS TO AFA CHAPTERS:**

- 1 – Inexpensive opportunity to meet AFA Chapter AE Goals: providing teachers a multitude of STEM products and programs to share with students (\$17.50 per teacher, with each teacher involving about 60 students per year – thus, student per capita benefit cost is \$0.29)
- 2 – Opportunity to connect with local K-12 classrooms to inspire and motivate young people to become responsible citizens with a view toward future STEM – related and Air Force Careers
- 3 – Potential *Teacher of the Year* candidate pool expanded for the AFA Chapters
- 4 – Potential to recruit AFA Chapter members: teachers, school staff, students' families, etc.

**EASY AFA SPONSORSHIP PROCEDURE:** Chapters determine venues for selection of teachers for chapter sponsorship and provide the teachers with the *Partners for the Future* information flyers. Following are suggested venues:

- 1 – Outstanding K-12 teachers who have been recognized in the community
- 2 – Teachers associated with AFA members' families, churches, community organizations, etc.
- 3 – *Pre-service* K-12 teachers in local universities training in areas of STEM curriculum

**REGISTRATION OPTIONS:** Teachers can register as AEM at [www.capmembers.com/joinaem](http://www.capmembers.com/joinaem) using code AFA10 or at [http://www.capmembers.com/aerospace\\_education/join\\_as\\_aem.cfm](http://www.capmembers.com/aerospace_education/join_as_aem.cfm)

**NOTE:** An email confirmation/receipt will be sent to the teachers. The teachers should send that "receipt" to the AFA representative who can then send teachers a \$17.50 reimbursement check from the Chapter. (The teachers' mailing addresses will be on the electronic receipts.)

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